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a drug of purine derivatives having antiviral activity. This process comprises reacting 2-aminopurine with 2-acetoxymethyl-4-bro-  
mobut-1-yl-acetate in the presence of thallium (I) ethoxide to give the desired compound. According to this process, the desired  
compound can be prepared in very high selectivity and purity under mild reaction conditions.

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